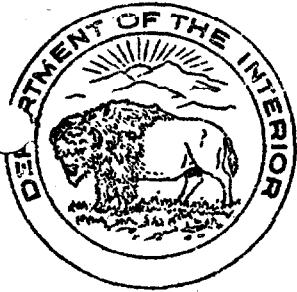


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## INFORMATION SERVICE

### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Landings of pilchards will not be allocated between canneries and reduction plants on the Pacific Coast during the 1946-47 season which begins August 1 in northern California, A. W. Anderson, Acting Assistant Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, announced today.

A hearing on the need for an allocation program to insure a maximum canned pack of pilchards, as requested by the Department of Agriculture, was held by the Service in San Francisco on June 12. At this meeting members of the fishing industry and interested Federal and state agencies presented their views with respect to the continuation of a program similar to that administered by the Department of the Interior during the three preceding seasons.

After considering the numerous problems involved in allocation as raised at the hearing, and conferring with the Department of Agriculture regarding its current need for canned pilchards, the Service accepted the assurance of the industry that an all-out canning effort would be made and that the required production of canned pilchards could best be achieved without an allocation program.

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